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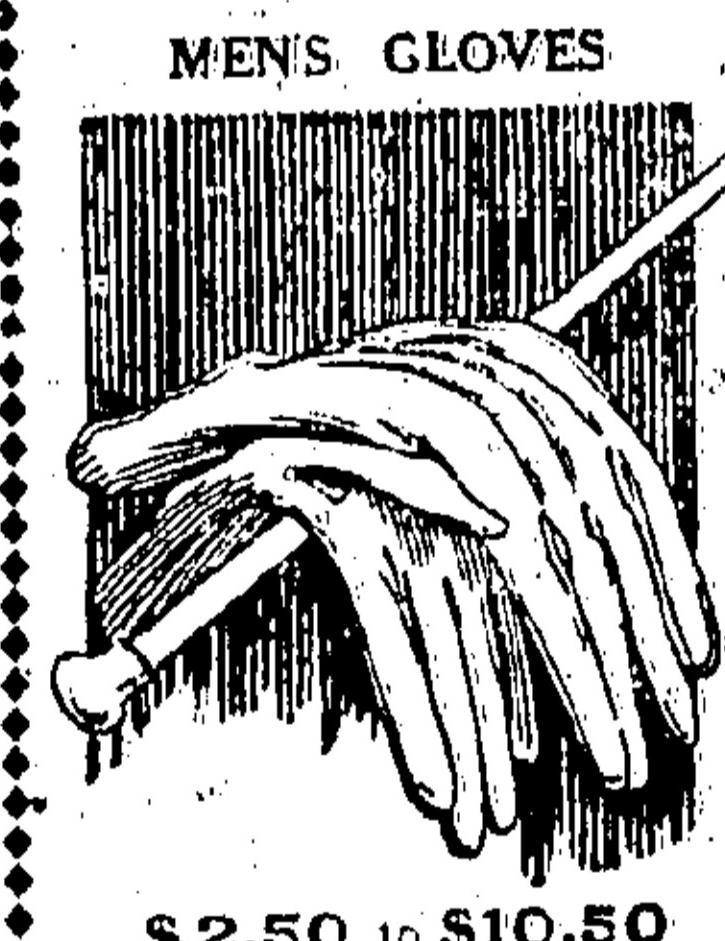
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REIGN OF TERROR. PIRATE MINES BLOW UP CONVOYS. "INTENSIVE BROADSIDES."

Adventures of United Bandit "Tong's" Fleet.

Piracy terrors in the West River delta have taken a new form in the persistent use of mines to blow up convoys, the systematic shelling of merchant craft, and the unification of several outlaw bands for purposes of plunder.

CHAPTER OF ATTACKS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Dec. 18. Mines are now regularly used by pirates in this part of the delta to attack merchant vessels. The usual modus operandi is to blow up either the launch which acts as tow to passenger (and cargo) boat, or the conveying speedy junk armed with heavy, if obsolete, native guns to repel attack.

All the latest piracies have occurred near the Kamchuk light-house, a prominent landmark of the locality.

In every instance the pirates used fast launches armed with quick-fires, machine-guns, a continental type of Lewis gun, improvised shrapnel and occasional field pieces converted into "naval artillery."

A recently reported the bandit chiefs in the delta (at Taumoon, Gaemoon, and Sheung Shui Hau) have combined and formed a "Tong." Outlaws in the Sanwui and Shauntak districts are following suit and the inaugural, with due pomp, of the "Kwangtung Tong," has been announced. Such names as Chan Yeo, Wo Kai and Un Kung are associated with the new, rival movement. To peaceful villagers the mention of their name is akin to the whisper of "Boney is coming" in the south coast of England during the Napoleonic period.

Not so long ago a "battle" between Government vessels and the pirate fleet was described as a new edition of "The Pirates of Penzance." To-day it is the real article with manœuvres in the narrow and sharp-bounding waters.

Six launches make up the new Tong's fleet, all ominously painted black, not for the "skull and crossbones" touch, but for camouflage purposes.

One such was captured, after a duel, by the gunboat "Kung Hon" which led a raid into pirate territory at Hoi Chow. Three pirates were brought back in triumph and made examples of, but the remainder of the fleet is still waging war.

Three well-known tow-boats were pirated on the same day, December 8, all Kongmoon vessels, plying to Fatshan, Shiuhsing and Shekki, respectively.

All the cargoes were taken away and a large number of passengers carried into captivity for ransom.

This morning, the Kongmoon Canton towboat "Lee Yuen" was overcome after a running fight in which four Chinese guards were killed. Further details are awaited.

Another episode concerned the cross-river railway launch from Kungyick to Sunchong, an attack being successfully engineered in the full view of these two towns.

About ten pirates boarded the launch as passengers. The crew were forced to steer towards Ngau

CONTRACT BROKEN. BANDMASTER TO SIGN BOND.

With two months more of his contract to serve the Chinese bandmaster of Po Hing theatre, Yau-mati, was ordered to sign a bond by Mr. E. W. Hamilton (at the Kowloon Magistracy) this morning, for breaking a contract with his employers.

Mr. E. H. Gifford, the proprietor's representative, prosecuted. Defendant pleaded "guilty" and agreed to sign.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate on the dollar on demand to-day was 24.875.

MURDER TRIAL.

ALLEGED STATEMENT BY SON OF PRISONER.

POLICE METHODS QUESTIONED.

A statement alleged to have been made to the police by the son of the arrested man was read out in court to-day in the Criminal Sessions proceedings against a wood-cutter charged with the murder of an Indian constable.

The son is a schoolboy at the village of Ping Shek, New Territories, and, questioned by the police after the disappearance of his father and the murder of the constable he is alleged in this statement to have said that a man called at the house two days after his father had left, telling them that his father had shot an Indian constable who had arrested him for cutting wood" and was in hiding in Chinese territory.

He had not seen his father since the morning of July 8 (the day when the constable was murdered), further stated the boy, according to the police note. His father was a Christian and was then reading his Bible. He (the son) understood that he was going out to cut wood.

Inspector Brewer was cross-examined by Mr. Elsley Zeilyn (instructed for the defence by Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton) as to this statement at the Sessions' proceedings this morning. It was in his (Inspector Brewer's) handwriting and was what the interpreter told him was the reply of the boy to questions put. It was not signed by the boy as it was not considered necessary for a voluntary statement, stated Inspector Brewer.

Inspector Brewer would not agree that the questions he put to the boy were in a suggestive manner. They were straightforward. He admitted that the boy had been taken out of a cell in which he had been locked all day when the statement was made.

Questioned with regard to whether the boy was allowed to communicate with anyone, whilst he was in the cell, Inspector Brewer said that the boy's mother and the local schoolmaster called at the station whilst he was in custody at the station. They brought food.

Was the boy allowed to talk to them? asked Mr. Zeilyn.

Inspector Brewer: No.

Mr. Zeilyn: You stated yesterday that they spoke to the boy.

Inspector Brewer: I made a mistake.

Re-examined by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith (for the Crown), Inspector Brewer said that the boy showed no signs of disinclination to make a statement.

Asked as to the boy's general demeanour during the time he was kept in the cell, Inspector Brewer said that he "seemed very happy."

His Lordship: You don't imagine that is any reason for keeping anyone at a police station, do you?

The case is proceeding.

A "Serious Thing."

The action of the police in detaining the police station for eight days the son of a suspected man who was thought to know the whereabouts of his father was called into question at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Inspector Brewer, cross-examined by Mr. Elsley Zeilyn admitted that the boy was kept in a cell. This was because there was no witness room.

The statement the boy eventually made as to the whereabouts of the prisoner was a voluntary one, Inspector Brewer stated, in the course of further cross-examination.

Addressing the witness His Lordship asked, "What right had you to keep this boy at the Police Station for 8 days?"

Witness: He was only kept as a witness, he had his freedom.

His Lordship: Nonsense. Do you mean to say he could have left at any time he liked?

Witness replied that he could have done.

His Lordship: Is the Police Station such a pleasant place that people like to stay there for seven days?

Witness: No, your Lordship.

His Lordship: Considering the

PRICE OF WAR.

FRENCH LOSSES IN MOROCCO.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.

(Reuters Service.)

Paris, Dec. 23.

In the Chamber of Deputies, during the debate on the Estimates for the Ministry of War, the Under-Secretary for War announced that the French losses in Morocco since the beginning of the year have been:

Killed 2,640

Wounded 7,552

Missing 1,220

Of these the purely French casualties were:

Killed 920

Wounded 2,052

Missing 245

[The balance of casualties is made up of combatants not of French birth, besides coloured troops in Morocco.]

TIENTSIN FALLS.

MARSHAL FENG'S TROOPS ENTER.

PROTECTION OF POWERNERS.

(Reuters Service.)

Peking, December 23.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiung's troops claim that they have captured Tientsin, but confirmation is lacking.

It is nevertheless evident that they have penetrated the defending front, which is under General Li Ching-lin, a supporter of Marshal Chang Tsao-lin.

DEFINITIVE REPORT.

Shanghai, December 23.

General Feng Yu-hsiung's forces defeated the army of General Li Ching-lin and entered Tientsin on the night of the 22nd instant.

The foreign residents in Tientsin have organised a Vohntekens' Corps for the protection of the foreign settlement in order to prevent the intrusion of the troops of General Li Ching-lin.—"Woch Kin Yut Po."

A DESPERATE RALLY.

Shanghai, December 24.

A wireless message from Tientsin received yesterday reports that Li Ching-lin has again retreated almost to the city limits, where he desperately rallied his forces and subsequently advanced to Peiping, a distance of about three miles.

MUKDEN RETREAT.

Tokyo, December 23.

A despatch to the Foreign Office from Mukden states that Kuo Sung-ling is expected completely to defeat Chang Tsao-lin in a few days. In this event, the Japanese troops contemplate turning over the city to him.

If Chang's retreating soldiers appear en route to Mukden they will be disarmed at the entrance to the six mile zone.

Japanese troops are at present guarding the western limit, but it is not expected that the retreating Chinese will object to dismemberment.

The Foreign Office reiterates that the Japanese will evacuate Mukden as soon as there is no danger of further fighting and so assured.

The War Office learns from Mukden that two brigades of Kuo Sung-ling's troops attacked Chang Tsao-lin's front-line at daybreak yesterday, but failed.

A subsequent general attack, however, forced the Mukden cavalry to retreat eight miles beyond Tumen-tung, which Kuo's troops occupied.

CHANG'S PLANS.

Another message from Mukden states that Marshal Chang Tsao-lin, yesterday morning, assembled his leading supporters and made a farewell speech, stating that reports from the front indicated that the enemy had just opened a decisive attack.

He said that if the Mukden forces were defeated, he would take refuge elsewhere, and expressed the hope that Councillor Wang, General Yang Yu-ting and Governor Wang (of Mukden Province) would follow him; whilst the other civil and military officials would remain in Mukden and endeavour to maintain peace and good order.

MAIN ATTACK FAILS.

Shanghai, December 23.

A Japanese report from Mukden states that Kuo Sung-ling's main attack against Chang Tsao-lin was launched last night and failed, and Kuo Sung-ling's forces are retreating to Hsin-min-fu.

SET BACK FOR KUO.

Tokyo, December 24.

It is reported from Mukden that Marshal Feng Tien's troops have reoccupied Pukipu. General Kuo Sung-ling's forces are retreating, leaving guns and munitions behind.

Cosular reports indicate that General Kuo has received a serious setback owing to the wide advance by Marshal Chang Tsao-lin.

JAPANESE RETALIATION.

Tokyo, December 24.

The Foreign Office has received a report from Hankow that Kuo Sung-ling's troops are affording strong resistance and full protection to Chang Tsao-lin's forces in Hsin-min-fu.

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TURKEY COMPLAINS

MEANING OF NEW SOVIET TREATY

REPLY TO LOCAARNO PACT.
(Reuter's Service.)

Constantinople, December 23.—The Government organ "Hakimiyat," commenting on the Turco-Soviet Treaty, draws attention to the significance of this agreement on the morrow of the League's Mosul decision. It observes, however, that it is not intended as a threat toward anybody, but may be considered as a reply to the recent security Pact which ensures the Western States freedom of action against Oriental States.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

MOUNTED INFANTRY COMPANY. Mounted Infantry Company will carry out a Tactical Ride and Reconnaissance on the Frontier on Sunday, 3rd January, 1926. A full attendance is expected.

Dress: Field Service uniform with rifles.

Assembly: Jockey Club Stables at Kwantu 12 noon.

Members to catch the 10.30 a.m. train from Kowloon, arriving at Fanling 11.18 a.m. where they will transfer to the Branch Line train leaving at 11.30 a.m.

Ponies: Strict instructions have been issued to the grooms that ponies are not to be ridden by anyone other than the owner of the pony, unless a written order is handed to the head-Groom signed by the owner of the pony giving permission. Members must adhere to this rule.

RESERVE COMPANY. The Miniature Range at Corps Headquarters is at the disposal of the Reserve Company at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th December.

The following is extracted from the Hongkong Government Gazette dated 18th December, 1925.

"His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Captain H. E. L. Dowbiggin, "Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps" to act as his Honorary "Aide-de-Camp, with effect from the 11th December, 1925."

STRENGTH.

The following are taken on the strength, as from December 21, 1925 and posted as under:

No. 1009 Private B.A. de Pass, Mounted Infantry Company.

No. 1010 Private B.H. Church, Armoured Car Company.

REVERSIONS.

The following Acting Ranks revert to their substantive ranks, as from December 21, 1925:

MOUNTED INFANTRY COMPANY.

No. 543 A/Sergt. Forsyth, A. reverts to the rank of L/Cpl.

No. 840 Corp. Bridger, J. P.

Armoured Car Company is permitted to revert to the rank of Private at his own request, as from December 31, 1925.

PROMOTIONS, ETC.

The following promotions and appointments will take effect from December 21, 1925.

MOUNTED INFANTRY COMPANY.

No. 543 A/L/Cpl. Forsyth, A. to be Corporal.

No. 494 A/L/Cpl. Kearne, L.H. to be Lance Corporal.

No. 574 A/L/Cpl. Pinguet, E.L. to be Lance Corporal.

TRANSFER.

No. 826 Pte. Gibson, G.H. M.I. Company is permitted to transfer to the Reserve Company, as from December 21, 1925.

LEAVE.

No. 389 C.S.M. H. C. MacNamara, and No. 383 Sergt. M. M. Watson, M. I. Company rejoined from leave on December 21, 1925.

No. 228 Pte. Gibson, G.H. Reserve Coy. is granted leave from December 21, 1925 to June 20, 1926.

RESIGNATION.

No. 4 Sergt. Wells, F. A. Reserve Company is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from December 31, 1925.

NOTICE.

The Commandant wishes all members of the Corps a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CHINA WARFARDS.

WHO'S WHO IN PRESENT STRUGGLE.

HELP TO READ CABLES.

Without attempting to prophecy the course of events with any assertion of finality, the following statement of the new alignment of forces in China is made to assist the reader to understand the daily budget of telegraphic news from the various warring centres. The new alignment, says George E. Sokolsky, in the "N.C. Daily News," is at the moment of writing as follows:

1. Chung Te-lin. The Mukden leader stands practically alone, assisted only by his family and by remaining adherents within Manchuria. He has been deserted by all his lieutenants inside the Great Wall and has lost such parts of his stores and equipment as happened to be in Tientsin or elsewhere in China when General Wu Sung-ting turned on him.

2. The Kuomintang. Fang Yu-hsiang's hold on the whole Kuomintang organisation has been strengthened by the defection of Wu Sung-ting from the Fengtien organisation. The Second and Third Kuomin-chun armies, which had been in negotiation with Wu Pei-fu, are now solidly working with Feng Yu-hsiang.

Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian general" can claim as his allies Sun Chuan-fung, in Kiangsu, and Chekiang and the Peking Government. The cordial relations between "Little" Huo and Sun Chuan-fung are explained in this way:

3. Wu Pei-fu. Wu Pei-fu is in alliance at this moment with Li Ching-lin, Tuan of Chihli, and Chang Chang-chang, Tuan of Shantung. This does not mean that he is in alliance with Chang Tso-lin and no conclusion as to such possibilities may at this time be drawn. The defeat of the Second Kuomin-chun army in southern Chihli strengthens Wu Pei-fu's position in Honan.

4. The Kuomintang. The Canton Government is apparently in negotiation with various elements in China. It is believed to have been in relationship with Feng Yu-hsiang for more than a year, but it is now also in negotiation with Wu Pei-fu and a complete change of policy, internal and international, of the Kuomintang organisation is being predicted upon these negotiations. The anti-Bolshevik element of the Kuomintang is actively working to prevent a coalition of the so-called Bolshevik element with the conservative forces in Central China.

[Note.—According to Canton reports Canton is now crying "Down with Tuan Chi-jui" (the head of the Peking Government).]

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hongkong, 11th Dec., 1925.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS
AND PASSENGERS
PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

PALEO.

Dec. 31.—O.S.K. Kotso Maru

Jan. 8.—O.S.K. Kohso Maru

SWATOW.

Dec. 27.—O.S.K. Kaijo Maru

31.—O.S.K. Kotso Maru

AMOY.

Dec. 27.—O.S.K. Kaijo Maru

29.—O.N. Anking

30.—O.N. Szechuan

31.—D.L. TINGTAU.

31.—O.S.K. Kotso Maru

1.—I.C.S.N. Fooisan

FOOCHOW.

Dec. 29.—D.L. Hatchings

SHANGHAI.

Dec. 15.—O.N. Sunning

26.—N.Y.K. Yingkow

26.—O.N. Liuchow

27.—O.N. Siau

27.—T.K.K. Khyber

28.—U.S.S.B. West Jona

28.—P.—O. Soudan

30.—N.Y.K. Kashima Maru

30.—N.Y.K. Akita Maru

30.—I.C.S.N. Fookang

31.—I.C.J.L. Tihlboas

JAPAN PORTS.

Dec. 26.—O.S.K. Amazon Maru

30.—N.Y.K. Taiping Maru

30.—P.—O. Szechuan

30.—I.C.S.N. Tihlboas

31.—I.C.J.L. Tihlboas

HULL.

Dec. 26.—P.—O. Kashgar

27.—P.—O. Soudan

27.—P.—O. Theesus

28.—E.L. City of Oslo

28.—W.T.K. Kamp Maru

28.—P.—O. Kioo

28.—C.S.K. Atlas Maru

28.—P.—O. Macedonia

28.—N.Y.K. Lyons Maru

28.—B.F. Antenor

28.—P.—O. Katori Maru

28.—P.—O. Khyber

28.—G.I. Carnarvonshire

28.—B.F. Dardanus

28.—N.Y.K. Atata Maru

28.—P.—O. Glenbribel

28.—P.—O. Malwa

ANTWERP.

Dec. 26.—P.—O. Kestberg

27.—N.Y.K. Ramo Maru

27.—P.—O. Atlas Maru

27.—N.Y.K. Coblenz

27.—N.L. Khyber

28.—P.—O. Atata Maru

28.—N.L. Anhalt

HAMBURG.

Dec. 26.—J.O.J.L. Westerdijk

27.—N.L. Coblenz

28.—J.O.J.L. Olderkirk

28.—N.L. Antwerp

28.—G.J. Gemma

HAMBURG.

Dec. 28.—H.A.L. Westerdijk

28.—B.F. Vogland

28.—E.L. Theessus

28.—E.L. City of Cairo

28.—E.L. Kioo

28.—H.S.L. Adolf von Bayre

28.—E.A. Atlas Maru

28.—N.L. Coblenz

28.—B.F. Olderkirk

28.—F.O. Carmarwshire

28.—B.F. Dardanus

28.—G.L. Glenbribel

28.—G.L. Gemma

COPIEHAGEN.

Jan. 15.—E.A. Kestberg

16.—E.A. Malwa

16.—E.A. Adolf von Bayre

17.—E.S.L. Emil Kildorf

MANILA.

An old countryman was charged

with chicken stealing.

He was at the court early, and before

the case was called the judge saw

him and asked his name.

"My name's Johnson," yer

honour," said the man.

"Are you the defendant in this

case?" inquired the judge.

"No, sir," was the reply.

"I've got a lawyer to do my defending.

I'm the man what stole the chick-

ings."

A famous barrister was ex-

amining a witness whom he had

reason to suspect of deliberate

perjury.

At length becoming impatient,

he asked the witness very im-

pressively:

"Do you know the nature of

an oath, sir?"

"I do."

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you are commanded in the Bible

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"MAECDONIA"	11,089	9th Jan. 5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"KHYBER"	9,114	24th Jan. 5th Feb.	Marseilles, Casablanca, London & Antwerp, Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"LAHORE"	5,952	24th Jan. 5th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"DESTA"	8,097	5th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay
"MALWA"	10,641	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
"KARMAKA"	9,089	5th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	5th Mar.	Marseilles and London
"KASHMIR"	8,885	13th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp & Hamburg
"KHIVA"	9,195	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	12,918	3rd April	Marseilles and London
"DEVANHA"	8,185	17th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARMAKA"	9,144	21st April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MAECDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	9,005	16th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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S. S.	TONS	FROM HONGKONG (ABOUT)	DESTINATION
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	5th Feb.	do
"TANDA"	6,188	5th Mar.	do
"ARAFURA"	8,000	1st April	do
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"TANDA"	6,188	5th June	do

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"KHYBER"	9,114	5th Dec. daylight, 1925	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"HYMETTUS"	4,806	5th Jan.	Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai
"SANTHIA"	8,500	7th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,641	8th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DESTA"	8,097	8th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	8th Jan.	Moji, Sasebo and Yokohama
"KARMAKA"	9,128	8th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,902	8th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,885	8th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	6,958	8th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KHIVA"	9,135	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MOREA"	10,911	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	8,000	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Yokohama
"KALYAN"	9,144	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DEVANHA"	8,155	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAECDONIA"	11,089	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	10th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KABSGAR"	9,005	16th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KHYBER"	9,114	20th April	Shanghai, Moji and Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,958	8th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,641	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,902	23th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARMAKA"	9,089	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"ARAFURA"	8,000	12th June	Shanghai, Moji and Yokohama

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VESSELS DUE.

FROM SHANGHAI.

Dec. 25.—C. O. L. Szechuan
26.—O. O. L. Pres. Jefferson
31.—O.P.E. Empress of Russia

FROM NORTH CHINA.

Jan. 12.—J. O. J. L. Tybodes

FROM SINGAPORE.

Dec. 21.—P. & O. Kandar
22.—H.S.L. Kull Kirdorf
23.—N.Y.K. Nichia

FROM CALCUTTA.

Dec. 29.—B. I. Taksila
30.—B. I. Hyattus
31.—B. I. Santia

FROM BOMBAY.

Jan. 8.—P. & O. Delta

FROM JAYA.

Dec. 27.—J. O. J. L. Tjikarang
31.—J. C. J. L. Tjelboet

FROM JAPAN.

Dec. 28.—A. O. L. Pres. Jefferson
31.—O.P.E. Empress of Russia

FROM MANILA.

Jan. 4.—P. & O. Pres. Wilson
5.—O.P.E. Empress of Russia

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Dec. 28.—B. I. Changto
Jan. 8.—E. & A. St. Albans
19.—N.Y.K. Aki Maru

FROM SEATTLE & VANCOUVER.

Jan. 13.—B. I. Philobates
14.—N.Y.K. Yokohama Maru

FROM BURNES AIRLS.

Dec. 27.—N.Y.K. Kawachi Maru

FROM LONDON.

Dec. 28.—P. & O. Changto
Jan. 8.—E. & A. St. Albans
19.—N.Y.K. Aki Maru

FROM DUNKIRK.

Dec. 1.—S.E.A. Formosa

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Dec. 24.—H.A.L. Prinsen

26.—P. & O. Khyber

Jan. 1.—N.Y.K. Kamo Maru

12.—J.C.J.L. Gemma

23.—N.Y.K. Kateri Maru

29.—N.Y.K. Asuka Maru

30.—J.C.J.L. Zosman

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Jan. 5.—B. I. Onata

FROM DUNKIRK.

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CHRISTMAS.

Douglas Jerrold, the wit, said of Englishmen, that the first thing the survivors of an earthquake would do, would be to meet and hold a dinner. Here is the ingrained tendency to observe and to rejoice. It is characteristic of the nation. The wanderer, wherever he may be, takes it with him, and whether alone or in company, celebrates the occasion according to tradition. It is so with Christmas, Hongkong, does not, as an eminent writer said of another place, lie "drugged and asleep in the arms of China." It is simply another slice of Home with all the customs of Home observed as far as it is possible to do so. Spring is the season of the Awakening of Men to the realisation of the wonder and glory of this world: it is essentially the season of physical youth. In Summer we see the understanding more fully developed. Autumn is the age of mentality, the season of reflection and often of disillusionment, a time when we are often depressed. So, following in the train of the "Fall" comes the greatest and most wonderful season of all—the season not of youth nor of maturity nor of old age, but the season of Eternity. The season of boys and girls, yet, but the season of men and women of parents, and the ancients of the family circle as well. What matters it if trade is bad, money tight, and the clouds of misunderstanding seem permanently dark

and lowering? The époque of Laughter and Love has arrived, of holly and mistletoe, of rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes, of plum puddings and turkeys of "cum-shas"—and the numerous presents sent near and far—those "bits of love made visible." How many at this time will think of the first and best Christmas story ever written or will draw the attention of the young people to it, we know not. Its Eastern origin should have an abiding appeal at this time in the misunderstanding clash of Western and Eastern thought. It is written directly and simply as its 445 words prove. It has all the colour of beautiful language; it moves without effort and yet with the quickness of life; it is poetry in the completest sense. "But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." The kindness of the sentence and the rich knowledge of life in its simplicity! The first Christmas story and the greatest, a perpetual reminder of the basis on which the Christmas season rests and the fact that its foundation is love. We need to get back to fundamentals and to remember—not merely those of our own home circle and friends, but those whose lot is not found in pleasant places. The season is an expanding one. Tiny Tim's words suffice—"God Bless us everyone"; whilst Robert Burns in his epistle to Davie seems to have a special message for us here in Hongkong and the larger world around us:—

It's no in titles nor in rank;
It's no in wealth like Lon' on bank;
To purchase peace and rest;
It's no in making muckle mair;
It's no in books; it's no in lear;
To make us truly blest;
If happiness haes not her seat
And centre in the breast,
We may be wise, or rich, or great,
But never can be blest.

Nae treasures, nor pleasures,
Could make us happy lang;
The heart ay'e the part ay'e
That makes us right or
wrang....

Then let us cheerfu' acquiesce;
Nor make our scanty pleasures less;
By pinng at our state;
And, even should misfortunes come,
I here wha sit haes met wi' some,
An'a thankful for them yet.
They gie the witt of age to youth;
They let us ken oursel';
They make us see the naked truth,
The real guid and ill;
Though losses and crosses
Be lessons right sever,
There's witt there ye'll get there;
Ye'll find naether where.

DOCK INITIATIVE.

CONGRATULATIONS AT
LAUNCHING.

YESTERDAY'S SPEECHES.

Congratulatory references to the surmounting of great difficulties in the completion of the vessel within a reasonable margin of the expected date were made yesterday at the launching of the ss. "Siang Wo" built to the order of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. Clementi.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Managing-Director, Jardine, Matheson & Co., in thanking the company for attending, said that the name "Siang Wo" meant "Felicity and Peace" and he could not think of a more appropriate name for a ship that was just commencing its career in the at present turbulent waters of China. Let them hope that the sentiments "Felicity and Peace" to be borne by this steamer would soon become the general state of China. (Applause.) If any of the company were likely to take a trip up the Yangtsze Gorges, they could now travel from Shanghai to Hankow by the "Longwo" or "Kungwo" and, as soon as this ship was finished, complete the journey as far as Ichang, in vessels all built at this Dockyard. After that, however, they would have to proceed up the Gorges in boats built in Shanghai or at Home.

This ship should have been launched several months ago and he very much regretted that owing to the strike and boycott there had been some delay. However, in spite of all the adverse circumstances with which they had had to contend, they had been able to carry on quite well, and it was encouraging to find that their neighbours, the Taikoo Dockyard, had also been able to continue work in their Yard and were likewise launching a ship that afternoon.

Christened By Mrs. Clementi.

He thanked Mrs. Clementi for doing them the honour of coming to launch and christen this vessel. Mrs. Clementi was known to many of them there that day, when she was in Hongkong before, and he could not think of a better way the Dock Company could have honoured her back than by asking her to christen the first ship launched since her return; and in agreeing to do so Mrs. Clementi had given evidence of the interest both she and H.E. the Governor took in the industries of Hongkong. He had very much pleasure in asking Mrs. Clementi to accept a small souvenir of the occasion, and he would ask all to join in drinking to the prosperity and success of the "Siang Wo" and her owners.

Mr. Bernard presented Mrs. Clementi with a diamond brooch, and the company drank to the success of the vessel.

Mrs. Clementi, in replying, spoke of the great pleasure it gave her to launch the good ship that afternoon. She thought it a great privilege to do so. She wished the vessel many years of work, and she hoped it would thoroughly fulfil its auspicious name.

Indo-China Co.'s Thanks.

Mr. R. Sutherland, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., said it was his pleasant duty on behalf of the Indo-China Co., to thank the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., for having so successfully designed and launched the "Siang Wo" which, when completed would undoubtedly be a source of satisfaction to her owners. He said "undoubtedly" because they had had many years' experience of the good and honest work of the Dock Company, this being the 8th vessel contracted for with the same builders.

It was certainly a matter of congratulation to the Executive Staff that this good ship, notwithstanding unexpected and what at one time looked like insuperable difficulties, had been successfully launched within a reasonable margin of the expected date. Such results called for unremitting perseverance and patience, and he might say that these qualities so pronounced in their Chief Manager must stand the Company in good stead.

It was perhaps in times of stress that the Executives of the Dock, judging by his experience, reached the high-water mark of efficiency, and in combating the ever recurring chaos caused by labour troubles, typhoons, etc., and in emergency salvage operations, he had always sworn by them. It was only right to add, however, that in the ordinary routine of business, he had so far forgotten himself as to occasionally swear at them (Laughter). However, he could

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

At night home to December 24, supper, and it being a very cold and name of God, and always in secret, in hopes of a frost and to-day we say that he comes to begin this night to put on a waistcoat being the first winter in my whole memory. What ever I said till this day before I did so.

Perry.

Drank some burnt December 23, wine at the Rose Tavern door, while

the constables came,

and two or three bollomen went by, it being a fine bright moonshiny morning, and so home round the city, and stopped and dropped money at five or six places, which I was the willing to do, it being Christmas day, and so home, and find my wife in bed, and Jane and the maids making pyes.

Perry.

Are they asleep? CHRISTMAS Eve, now for engines and drums, And carpentering sets and puppies on wheels. Are they asleep? Just have a last peep.

You don't know how heavy my arm feels. I might drop an orange or burst a balloon; If they are awake they will hear the jewel sound, And, pretending to sleep, they'll just have a peep. To see what clumsy fairies are wandering round.

M. L.

December 6 was St. THE REAL Nicholas' Day, the SANTA CLAUS, saint who was the famous Santa Claus, the children's friend at Christmas-time. He was indeed the first Santa Claus, as this story of his early life will show. As a young and rich man he was one day walking through the streets of his native town when he heard the sounds of lamentation preceding from the house of a nobly-born man who had lost all his money, and was, with his three daughters, on the verge of starvation.

Nicolas hurried home and took from his inheritance of three bars of gold one bar, and returning to the house, he thrust the precious pieces of metal through an open window, when it was found the next morning by the neophyte and handed as a gift to God.

The next night Nicolas did the same with the second bar of gold, and again on the third night with the last bar, but on this occasion he was discovered, and the owner of the house knelt before him. Nicolas raised him, saying: "Give thanks to God, for it was He Who sent me to you."

assure them that their relations had always been of the most cordial nature and long might they remain so.

World Shipping.

That shipping generally was at its lowest ebb was world-wide knowledge; the depression in shipbuilding, particularly in the United Kingdom was such as to call for the most searching investigation by experts conversant with our great national industries. This regrettable state of trade had resulted in some half a million tons of shipping being laid up in U.K. ports alone, and still more serious, perhaps some 8,000 Officers and Engineers had in consequence been put out of employment.

There were occasions, however, when shipping Companies, no matter how inopportune the time, were obliged to maintain at all costs, valuable trade connections, and it was a situation such as this that had some time ago to be faced by the Indo-China Co., and which led to the decision to replace, or supplement, the old vessels operating on the Middle Yangtsze River between Hankow and Ichang. The steamers in question were the "Changwo" aged 24 years and the "Kiangwo" which was built in Shanghai some 24 years ago. Old and faithful servants; links in that long and important chain of trade extending from Chungking 1,427 miles up the Yangtsze, thence to Hankow, Shanghai, Hongkong and Canton, a transport in all of over 2,500 miles or roughly speaking the distance from Hongkong to Australia, which illustrated the vastness of China's area of commercial trade. As the strength of the Chinese fleet increased, the weakest link so they had seen fit to bring the tonnage on the Middle River up to date by acquiring the vessel which they had just seen so successfully launched.

In wishing prosperity to the Dock Company, it was significant that in times of trade depression the Indo-China Co. could not find Docks for their annual overhaul jobs, without the use of the old Aberdeen Dock, a place which at one time they did not regard too favourably and which some years ago might have been demolished. It would seem, therefore, that there was still a very considerable amount of shipping in operation and as regards the Indo-China Co., it was a source of gratification to know that after a protracted lay-up of a portion of the fleet, all the vessels were now more or less operating in their customary trades. He trusted that the improvement would continue and that the Dock Co. would reap its benefits accordingly.

He would now ask all to drink to the continued prosperity of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., and he coupled this toast with the name of Mr. R. M. Dyer.

The toast was cordially drunk, and Mr. R. M. Dyer suitably replied, and said, that though the last five or six months had been rather difficult, he was an optimist and was looking forward to the future.

MR. ERIC RICE.

VISIT OF OVERSEAS LEAGUE COMMISSIONER.

Sir E. Stubb's former Secretary Mr. Eric Rice, is well known in the Colony. He is now Special Commissioner of the Overseas League and has made several world tours in its behalf. Mr. Rice is coming to Hongkong and will be in the Colony some time next month when doubtless the interests of the League in the Colony will receive particular attention.

Communications to Mr. Rice will find him care of Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, Ltd.

MISADVENTURE.

VERDICT IN KOWLOON DOCK TRAGEDY.

A TRIP OVER WIRE.

The death of Mr. D. A. Morris, late third engineer of the s.s. "Mausang," formed the subject of enquiry yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Coroner. Mr. W. J. Edwards, G. Webber and Tang Shiu-lun, jury.

Abrasions of the chin and head were mentioned in the course of medical evidence. Asked if these were consistent with deceased having tripped over wire or some other obstacle thus falling into the No. 1 Dock at Kowloon Dock, where his body was found floating on the night of December 5, Dr. J. T. Smalley said that it was possible these injuries were sustained in that manner.

There was nothing abnormal in the contents of the stomach and there were no signs of alcohol, further stated, Dr. Smalley. Other evidence was given by witnesses who had been with deceased within a short period of the accident and they stated that deceased had not been drinking.

Mr. G. Duncan, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., who was on the scene shortly afterwards, gave evidence, also Mr. B. Wylie, who was dining with him at the time. Mr. Duncan, asked if he could account for the accident, said he could not. "The place was beautifully illuminated by a large lamp. Witness was inclined to believe that the deceased had walked straight into the dock."

The Coroner: In mercantile docks, is it usual to put guard chains around the sides?

Witness: Only at the head of the dock, but where the steps are I do not think it is necessary and it would be in the way.

After the Coroner had sat and up the jury returned a verdict of death from misadventure.

XMAS WISHES.

FELICIOUS MESSAGES EXCHANGED.

HULL AND HONGKONG.

H.E. the Governor, Mr. Cecil Clement, C.M.G., has received the following Christmas message:

"Heartiest Christmas greetings and sincere wishes for a prosperous New Year—from the City of Hull, Lord Mayor."

The following reply has been sent by His Excellency:

Hongkong cordially reciprocates your good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

TEA DANCES.

LATEST LEE GARDENS ATTRACTION.

Last evening saw the opening tea dance of the season at Lee Garden. The tea dances are held in No. 1 House which is situated on the highest point in the Garden and giving a fine view of the harbour, which with the lights make a delightful place to have tea. Prof. Gonzales' orchestra of seven players furnish the music.

The tea dances are to be held every Wednesday from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. and every Saturday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Ritz Cafe furnish the teas and the tea dance is under the management of Mr. McKenzie.

The opening night was very well attended and everybody enjoyed a delightful time.

An elderly Chinese had to be taken to hospital with injuries to his legs and face when he was knocked down by a motor car at Queen's Road East, near the Grand Theatre, yesterday afternoon.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. M. W. Lo appeared for one of two Chinese charged with alleged demanding of money with menaces. Heiring was adjourned until Wednesday.

During the progress of an opium raid at Wan Chai last night, an unemployed Chinese coolie was found dead in a lane. The man had apparently attempted to escape and fell from the second floor of a house, fracturing his skull.

YULETIDE GLOOM.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENTS IN AMERICA.

MANY CHILDREN KILLED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Dec. 23.—Distressing accidents to children have cast a gloom over the Yuletide celebrations.

A panic was caused at a Christmas present distribution owing to a seat breaking in Erie (Pennsylvania). The children rushed the exits, and three were trampled to death, and seven others injured. When order was restored the door was found covered with broken toys.

A mother left her three little children at home in Buffalo whilst doing her Christmas shopping. When she returned she found the children suffocated. They had buried matches and set fire to a waste-paper basket.

At Waynesburg (Pennsylvania) four volunteer firemen were killed and five injured at a disastrous fire in the business district. Several buildings were destroyed, and the damage is estimated at a million dollars.

At Bellaire (Ohio) nine persons died in a fire last night in the Webb coal mine, which is attributed to a short circuit. Seventy-nine men, who were temporarily imprisoned, were rescued.

SHANGHAI AFFAIR.

POLICE EXONERATED BY COMMISSION.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MOVES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, December 23.—The Municipal Council, in a letter to the Secretary dated the 21st instant, says that notwithstanding the fact that the majority of the judges forming the Commission of Inquiry (excluding the Police) found Mr. McLean, Commissioner of Police, and Mr. Eversen, the Inspector who was in charge of the inspection, had tendered their resignations.

The Council, however, is always ready to help to prepare a defense of the police if the issue of the trial date these resignations will be a question of appreciation to be monitored services these issues had rendered in the past.

The Council further desires to allow its members of regret at the loss of life on May 30 and as a mark of sympathy to the wounded and the relatives of those persons killed encloses a cheque for \$75,000 which the Council asks you to transmit to the Chinese Foreign Commissioner for distribution among those concerned as a compensation grant.

The Senior Consul, on the 21st instant transmitted, the above to the Foreign Commissioner, adding: "I feel sure you will appreciate the friendly spirit which inspired the Council's action."

FULL REPORT AWAITED.

The Judicial Commission's report is being released in Peking this afternoon. Owing to the interruption of communications, it is not expected in Shanghai before Christmas Day. The Council is in possession of a summary, which has not been given out.

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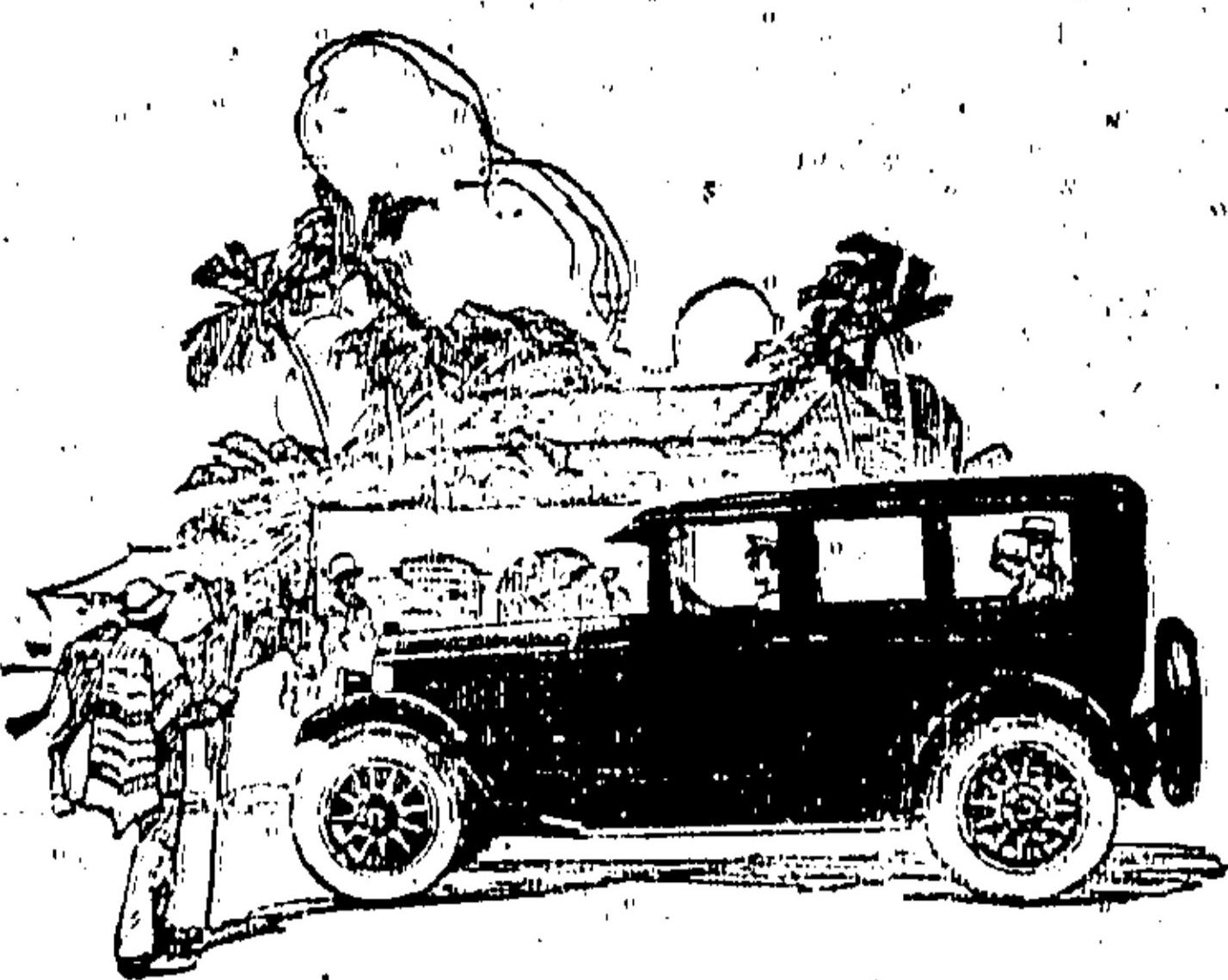
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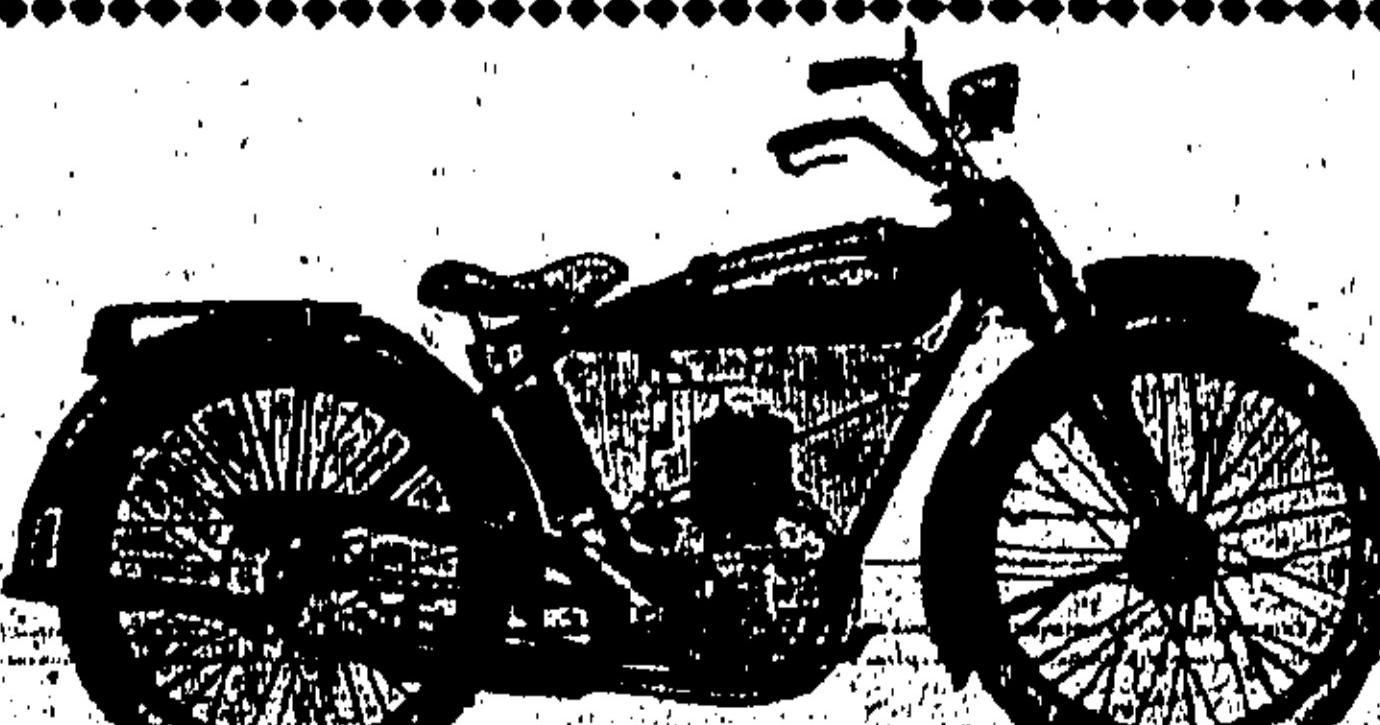
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The "China Mail" will not be published to-morrow, Christmas Day, but will appear again as usual on Saturday.

To-morrow, Christmas Day, there will be services at 8.15 a.m. and 11 a.m. in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. On Sunday at 6 p.m. there will be a Christmas carol service and organ recital.

Home and Europe mail via Siberia by the ss. "Yingchow" amounts to 32 bags, while the total number of bags including Shanghai mail is 271.

Tokyo Municipality distributed a large number of "chan-chan" or sleeveless kimonos to poor persons in Tokyo who are more than 70 years old on December 20. Other gifts were made to other aged persons by city officials. All the gifts were accompanied with greetings from Mayor Nakamura.

Wilfred King, manager of the Bombay skating rink, charged with the illicit sale of cocaine valued at Rs. 54,000 to the Exercise Inspector Navalkar, who posed as an Up-country buyer, was sentenced on December 1, by the third Presidency Magistrate to nine months' rigorous imprisonment and Rs. 1,000 fine.

"The Chinese Theatres Handbook," a booklet by Mr. E. S. Allen, has just been published in Peking by "La Librairie Francaise." The originality and interest of this work, which has been expressly written to enable foreigners to understand the Chinese stage will make it popular both with the general public and the lovers of Chinese art; for, up to the present very little attention has been paid to drama of this country and very little information can be obtained on the subject from foreign literature. Mr. Allen explains also many of the conventions and symbols of this art, such as the waving of a tasseled wand to show that the actor is on horseback and the mounting of a chair to secure invisibility.

"Don Q." at the Queen's Theatre provides a first-rate holiday attraction.

The return of Notifiable Diseases for the 24 hours ended Tuesday, shows one Chinese case of enteric fever.

The return of Chinese immigrants arriving in Singapore in November was 14,820, and the number of male adults for the year to date 132,688. The number of deck passengers who left Singapore during November was 8,407 and the total to date 69,275.

The St. Andrew's Young Men's Club have arranged to hold the annual Kowloon Marathon Race on Monday, March 1. The distance of the race will be about 6½ miles, and the event is open to all Europeans in the Colony. Three silver prize cups will be awarded and entries have to be sent to Secretary before February 20.

Upon request by the Social Bureau of the Japanese Department of Home Affairs, 86 colleges, universities, and higher technical schools have compiled reports on the employment situation of those who were graduated last March. Among graduates numbering 9,208, 6,133 graduates were given positions, while 804 graduates from higher technical schools entered graduate schools. The remaining 2,271 graduates are without positions.

The Russian universities and higher technical schools, which are now opening their doors for another year of study, report an enrollment of 18,100 students, as against 15,000 last year. This represents a certain measure of recovery after the very sharp cutting down in the number of admissions which took place last year because of the physical inability of the universities to care for the proper education of the crowds of students who poured in during the early years of the Revolution. It is reported that a majority of the students show an interest in technical and natural scientific courses.

The Fire and Marine Insurance offices will be closed to the transaction of public business to-morrow and Saturday.

Members of St. John's Cathedral congregation are being invited to attend special services on Sunday next—which is St. John's Day.

Subscribers to the Tokyo Radio Broadcasting Station have been increasing rapidly. A check-up compiled November 15, showed 111,923 subscribers. Of which, there are 56,570 in Tokyo, 80 in Hachioji, and 41,566 in suburbs. The J.O.A.K. in the meantime is to launch another campaign to increase the number to 150,000.

The loan which the Soviet Government recently floated for the reconstruction of Russian industry has yielded favourable results in the shape of advance orders for shares to the value of \$100,000,000 rubles. The proceeds of this loan are designed to furnish badly needed capital for the installation of new machinery and the building of new factories.

Three million pounds of copper are used every year in the manufacture of the common pin and the safety pin, the delegates to the National Hardware Association of the United States were told by Harry H. R. Spofford of the Copper and Brass Research Association, New York. Copper is the only material selling at its pre-war price, and even just below that level, he avowed. This is possible because the production made necessary during the war has been continued.

HELPS THOSE HARD COUGHS.

The danger of influenza is its tendency to develop into pleurisy and pneumonia. Stop your cold before it reaches this dangerous point and for the cough and painful, wheezy breathing, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is for sale everywhere.

"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE**CARTLIDGE LOSES.**
UNSATISFACTORY BOXING CONTEST.

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FIRST JAPANESE XV.

Marred to a great extent in that it became more of a wrestling bout than a boxing contest, the "Sunday Herald" international charity competition, are as follows:

Christmas Day (Friday) — Eng. v. China, kick-off 11 a.m.
Boxing Day (Saturday) — Scotland v. Portugal, kick-off 4 p.m.

Both matches on the H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley.

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There will be one change in the England team as previously announced. Mason (Kowloon) has had an injury to his wrist. Howard (Club) takes his place and will play inside right. The team, therefore, is:

Wavish; Wheeler, Wynne; Mitchell, Sims (captain), Watson; Charlesworth, Howard, Humberside, Butler, Macklesworth.

MAIN EVENT.

Stoker Norman Morris (H.M.S. "Hermes") beat Chief Petty Officer "Jim" Cartlidge, the Colony's lightweight champion, (H.M. Naval Yard) on points.

As expected Cartlidge set a rattling pace from the first gong and was still ahead on points at the end of the 12th round. The 13th saw Morris win fairly comfortably. Morris had a big superiority in the 14th in which Cartlidge was knocked about and the last round also went to the stoker. Morris won these last three rounds by bigger margins than Cartlidge ever secured in any earlier period. This may have just swung the balance round in Morris's favour to the extent of getting him the verdict.

There was not one round in which there was not a superiority of clinching. At a disadvantage in weight and reach, Cartlidge made it his business to do most of the leading, nip in and score, and then concentrate on in-fighting. Except when Jim was palpably tired—and even distressed in the 14th when Morris rocked him once or twice with all his weight behind his deliveries—he more than held his own. When it came to holding for any period each man would try and work his head under the other's until the referee, Mr. A. Murdoch, had to step between them and enforce his orders.

In the early stages Cartlidge was convincingly speedier both with his hands and in footwork. He was warned in rounds 1 and 2 for holding when his ringcraft secured him the merest shade of points.

Cartlidge's slipping and ducking were the feature of round 3 but the catch-as-catch-can business predominated. Rounds 4, 5 and 6 saw Cartlidge on the aggressive, scoring cleverly with both hands. Morris's strong point was his headwork and countering.

In round 8 Morris began to assert himself. Both got home with the right, Morris the heavier. The pace began to tell on Cartlidge who still held his own but boxed with fine generalship. Morris's left eye began to show signs of wear in round 11 with Cartlidge "coming back" nicely and winning the round.

Using his crutch to jump in with all his weight, Morris found the mark with both hands in rounds 13 and 14, Cartlidge being warned again in the latter. Jim made a determined effort to hang on towards the end relying on his ringcraft to see him through. Many of Morris's onslaughts were evaded or taken on the gloves. Clinches and holding made for very little open boxing but what there was of range work went to Morris. The "house" expressed disapproval but cheered the verdict.

THE MINOR BOUTS.

The main event was under N.S.C. rules but with two judges and a referee. The preliminaries were each of six rounds under I.S.B.A. rules (with two judges and a referee) by which the count is silent. All bouts were of 2-minute rounds.

Bowles v. Hills.

Drummer Bowles, 128 lbs. (I.E. Surrey) knocked out Marine Hills, 128 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hermes") in round 2.

Crouching so as to get in through his opponent's longer reach, Bowles sent Hills down in round 1, but the gong intervened. Round 2 saw Hills groggy and the fight was soon over.

Referee: Dr. E. P. Minett.

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Yesterday Hongkong's interport team sailed on the "President McKinley" for Shanghai. Full details were given in Tuesday's "China Mail."

The Keio University rugger team left Tokyo on December 22 for Shanghai to participate in the Christmas games there.

The tour, which is made at the invitation of the Shanghai club marks the first step of a Japanese rugger team in the international field.

The members of the team are:

FW—Iwaiwa, Kobayashi, Nakamura, Yoshimoto, Suzuki (M), Miyachi, Takahashi, Kadiokura, Ayabe, Ichikawa.

FB—Kitano, Yamaguchi, Tsutsumi, Hamada, Maruyama.

Manager—Majima, Masuda.

After four holiday games according to the present schedule, the team will leave Shanghai on December 31 or January 1. On the way home, the team is scheduled to play two Kwangsi teams.

The complete schedule so far decided follows:

December 26—Keio vs. Shanghai.

December 28—Shanghai vs. Hongkong.

December 30—Keio vs. Hongkong.

January 4—Keio vs. All Kyushu.

January 10—Keio vs. All Kwangsi.

LOCAL CRICKET.

SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAY FIXTURES.

TWO "MARRIED V. SINGLE."

The Hongkong Cricket Club and the Army meet in a two-day cricket match on the triangular tournament. Besides this match there are two others fixed for Christmas Day and four for Boxing Day, all friendly games.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Hongkong C.C. v. Army on the H.K.C.C. ground.

University 1st XI v. Royal Navy 1st XI on the University ground.

Indian Recreation Club, Married v. Single, on the I.R.C. ground.

BOXING DAY.

Hongkong C.C. v. Army on the H.K.C.C. ground (continued).

Kowloon C.C. 1st XI v. Royal Artillery on the K.C.C. ground.

Police R.C. Footballers v. Cricketers, on the P.R.C. ground.

University 2nd XI v. Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI on the University ground.

Craigengower C.C., Married v. Single, on the C.C.C. ground.

HOW THEY STAND.

LOCAL LEAGUE SOCCER TABLES.

An interesting stage has been reached now in the middle of the soccer season. The league tables to date are:

Goals, P. W. D. L. F. A. P.

Kowloon 8 6 0 2 28 7 12

H.K.F.C. 8 5 1 2 8 8 11

South China 8 4 2 2 20 7 10

Pensil 8 3 2 2 20 17 9

Surrey Reserves 8 2 2 1 14 6 8

Astley 7 2 1 4 14 0 17 5

Tamar 7 2 0 5 5 18 4

Police 10 1 1 8 0 10 3

Div. II (Sec. A).

Goals, P. W. D. L. F. A. P.

South China "A" 7 0 0 11 2 14

Kowloon Reserves 6 6 1 2 20 9 13

Surrey Reserves 8 5 2 2 14 6 12

R. A. Reserves 8 3 3 0 9 6 5

Drummers 11 4 1 6 23 22 9

St. Joseph's 8 1 3 0 6 23 6

Reps. A 8 1 1 0 6 23 3

(H.K.F.C. Reserves 8 0 1 7 3 28 3)

Div. II (Sec. B).

Goals, P. W. D. L. F. A. P.

South China "C" 8 6 0 14 10 11

Tamar 8 1 1 0 12 3 10

St. J. Reserves 8 2 0 12 3 10

Drummers Reserves 8 3 2 4 13 12 2

St. J. Boarders 8 3 2 13 12 7

Woolen "A" 8 0 3 9 12 8

South Club "B" 8 1 0 4 11 2

Kowloon "V" 7 0 1 0 7 28 3

On Boxing Day Craigengower

will hold a dance at 6.30 p.m.

Children's Day will be held at the Civil Service C.C.

A "one club" competition will be held at the Kowloon Golf Club on Boxing Day. Players may select any club they choose. Competition will be decided by scores, the number allowed

HOME SOCCER.

SCOTTISH FIRST LEAGUE RESULT.

THE TABLE TO DATE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 28.

In the Scottish Football League (div. 1), Cowdenbeath beat Queen's Park by 7 goals to 3.

The league table now stands:

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Goals, P. W. D. L. F. A. P.

Celtic 18 13 2 3 46 17 28

St. Mirren 19 11 4 5 32 24 26

Falkirk 19 12 5 36 28 25

Airdrieonians 19 12 1 6 48 25 25

Hearts 20 11 3 6 37 27 25

Rangers 20 11 9 4 41 26 23

Motherwell 20 11 5 6 33 24 21

Hamilton A 19 9 4 6 43 33 22

C. Cowdenbeath 19 8 5 7 49 38 21

Dundee 21 8 5 8 27 30 21

Aberdeen 21 7 4 10 33 30 18

Kilmarnock 19 6 4 9 32 45 16

Dundee U 19 6 4 9 24 37 16

Partick T 18 5 5 8 32 37 15

R. H. R. 19 7 1 11 20 36 15

Hibernians 19 5 3 11 33 39 13

Que. Park 20 6 1 13 31 47 13

St. Johnstone 19 5 3 11 21 42 13

Glydebank 19 4 3 12 30 46 11

SURREYS' DOUBLE.

UNITED SERVICES SOCCER FINALS.

In both the senior and junior divisions of the United Services football, the 1/East Surrey Regt. proved victorious yesterday when the finals were decided at Stockumpoo.

The Regt. Reserves beat Staff and Departments by 2-nil in the junior.

In the senior the Regt. 1st XI defeated the R.A. by 7-1. Goal-scorers were: — Humberstone, Humberstone, Butler, Miles (R.A.); second half: — Butler, Butler (penalty), Franklin, Humberstone.

In the absence of the a/g.O.C. Major R. S. S. Paton (chairman, United Services Football League), presented the senior shield, junior cup, and silver cups to members of the winning teams.

Thanks were offered to Major Paton, Mr. May, Q.M.S., Charlesworth and Q.M.S. Steele (of the Garrison Recreation Club, hon. secretary).

London, Nov. 25.—Miss Helen Wills, the American lawn tennis champion, is travelling to Europe to take part in the tournaments on the Riviera. She is competing in the Beauvieu Tournament, for which Mlle. Liengen has entered.

London, Dec. 28.

With a thick fog over the whole country, combined with frost, the prospects of sport tomorrow are dim.

Many "nugget" matches have already been scratched. Racing at Kempton was impossible to-day. The Cambridge trial eightes were frozen out.

Skating is in full swing almost everywhere.

"ASHES" HOPES.

GREAT CRICKETER ON OUR CHANCES.

SHOULD HAVE STRONG TEAM.

(Times of Ceylon.)

London, December 8.

Prince Ranjitsinhji, interviewed prior to proceeding to India via Marseilles to-day, said he was looking forward to returning for the Test Matches (next year) and racing, and said that as regards cricket he was prejudiced as he knew England's possible teams so well.

She had been gaining in strength and talent since the war and she was now one better than in 1914.

The team should be a very strong one, and he had high hopes of England capturing "the Ashes."

"Much depends," he said, "on the wickets, but a bit of good luck is due."

Referring to the agitation in some quarters for the early appointment of the Test Captain, Ranjitsinhji said he gave no advantage in appointing the Captain at least for 3 or 4 months yet, and added that the Australians, should not be underrated, and he thought they would not be.

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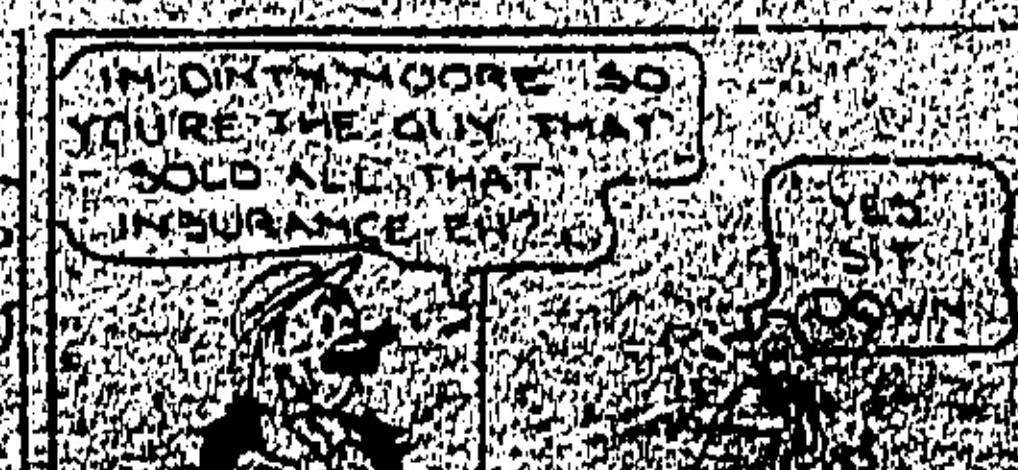
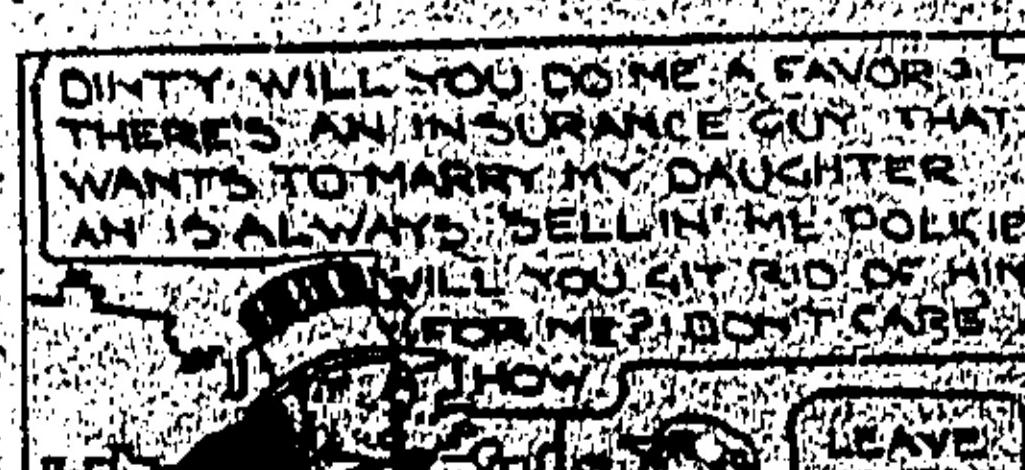
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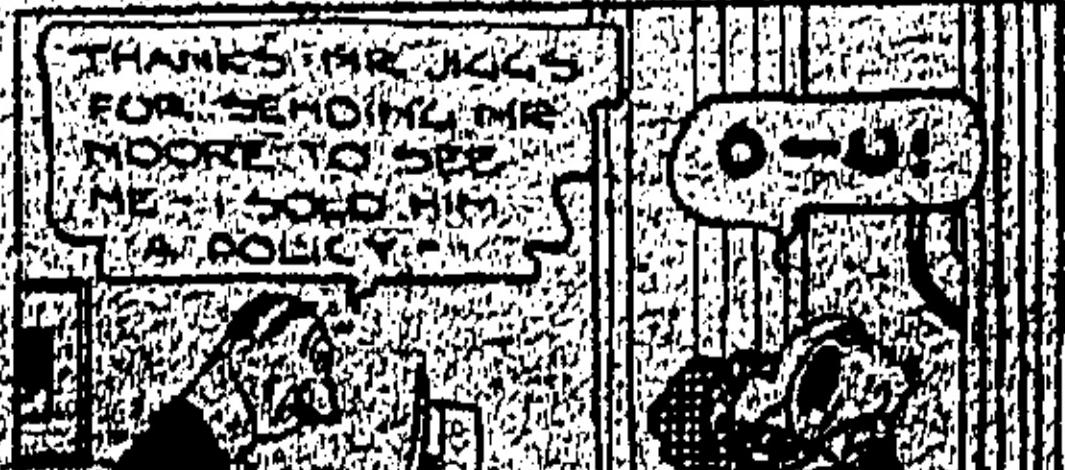
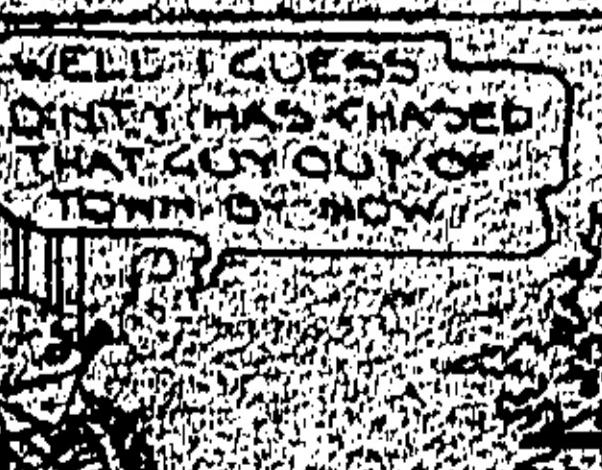
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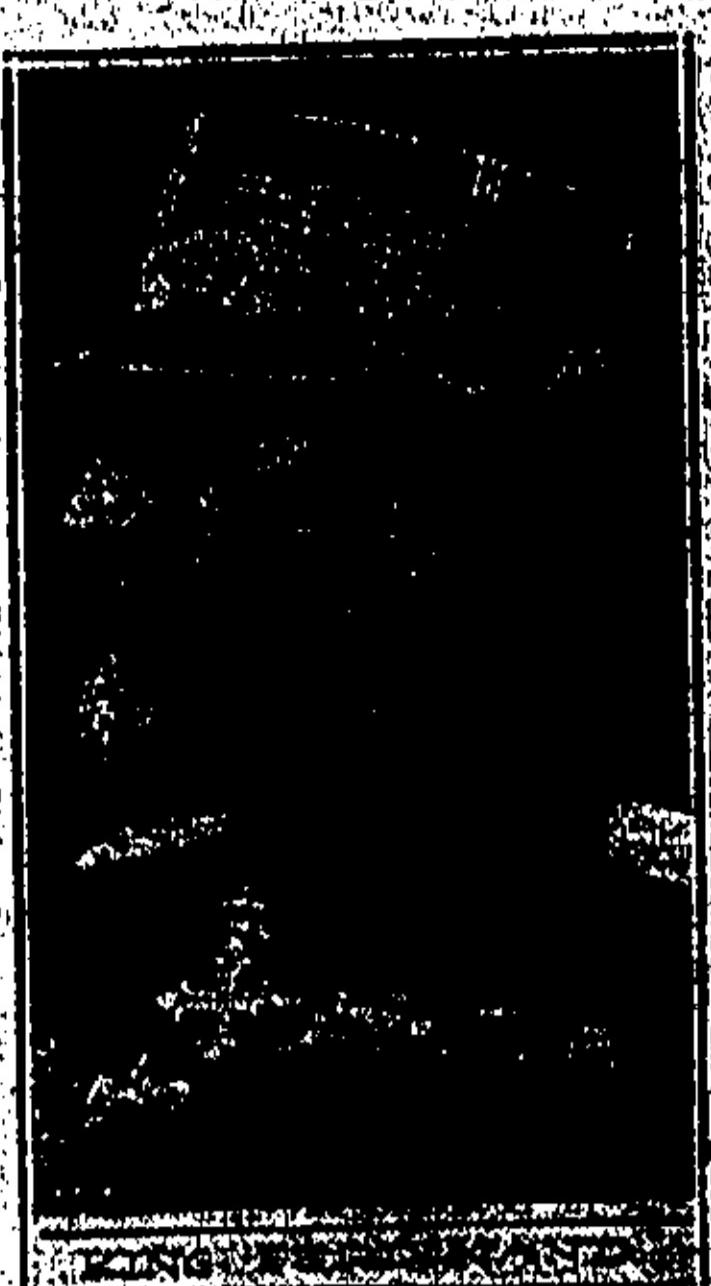
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BRINGING UP FATHER



People and Events in the News of the World



Communists lying in wait for King Ferdinand of Rumania were surprised by troops and captured. One soldier and one gendarme were killed in the skirmish.



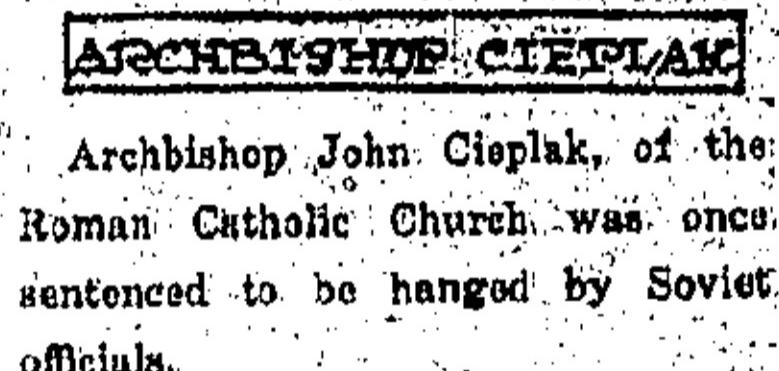
The winds and waves of contours have so weakened the legs of Table Rock on Lake Erie that it is expected to topple at any moment. It was here that the "Walk in the Water," the first steamboat on the lake, refuelled.



Mrs. M. Blake, the first woman to undertake an expedition to the diamond fields of British Guiana, travelled 27 days in an open boat up the Mazaruni River, crossing dangerous rapids and falls. Her husband is Major Blake.



August Sorentino, a painter, spends most of his lunch hour learning to play the saxophone high in the strands of Brooklyn Bridge. And his intrepid teacher risks his life climbing high to have August hit off a note or two.



ARCHBISHOP CIEPLAK
Archbishop John Cieplak, of the Roman Catholic Church, was once sentenced to be hanged by Soviet officials.



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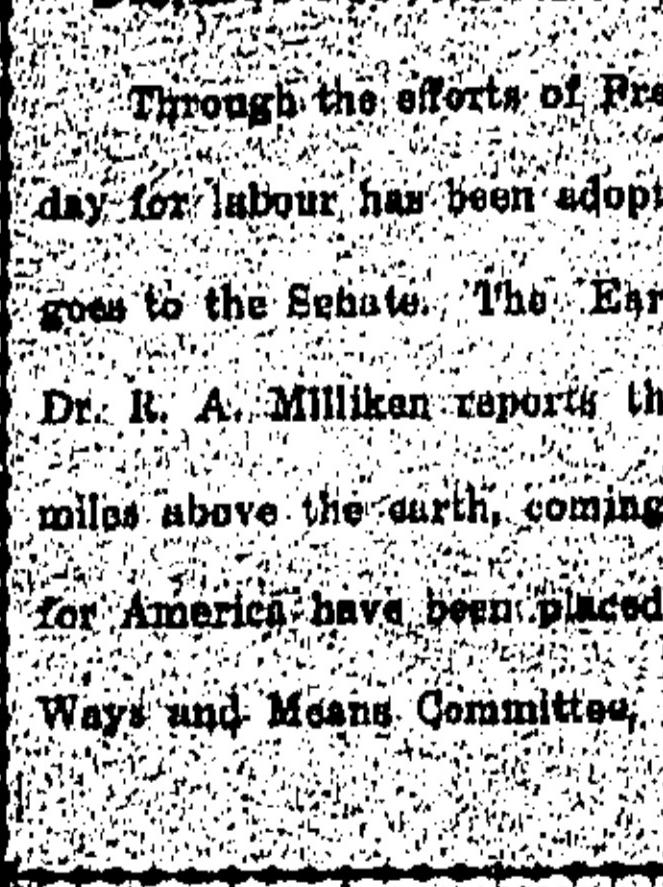
PRINCE RUPPRECHT
Prince Rupprecht, idol of the masses in Bavaria, is reported as ready to put himself up as monarch of the country if he can do so without bloodshed.



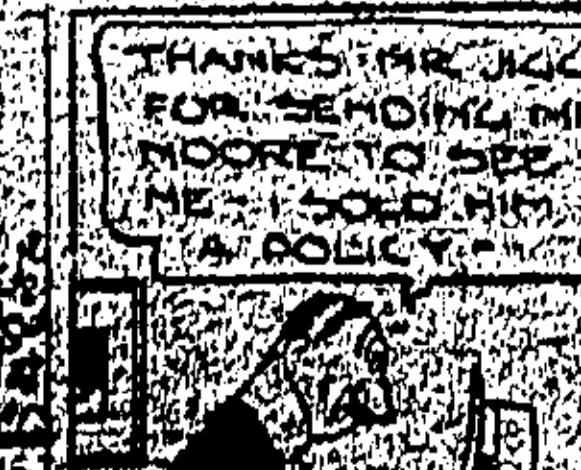
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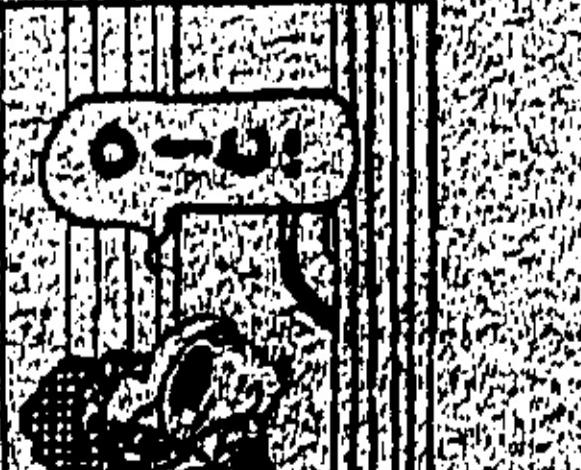
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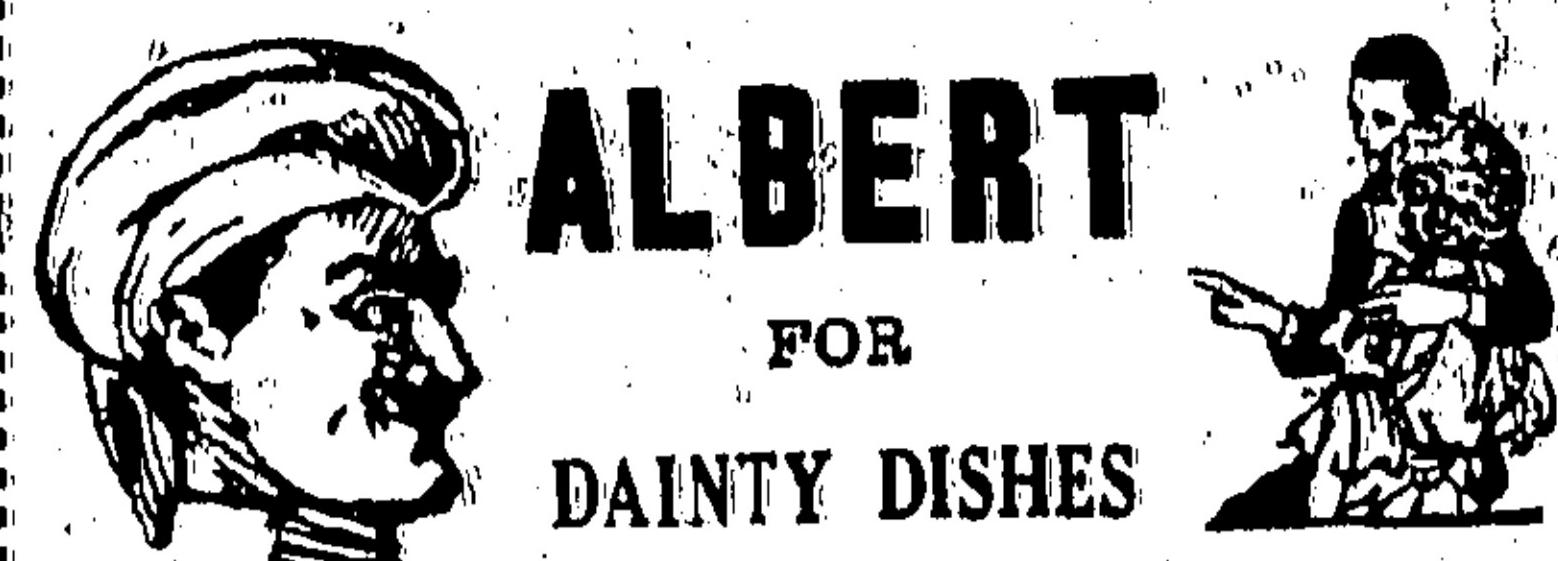
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500 YEARS AGO.

THE BIRTHDAY OF A CURZON CASTLE.

[The life in England over 500 years ago is glimpsed in these notes, in the "Westminster Gazette," by Bishop Forrest Browne, on how Bodiam Castle, the noble remains of which were left to the nation by the late Lord Curzon, came to be built.]

The licence to build Bodiam Castle in Sussex was granted by Richard II. on October 21, 1385, to a warrior, Edward Dalyngridge. Edward had married the heiress of the manor, and set to work to develop it. He got licence for a market and for an annual fair. In 1388, he got, for £6 and 8 pence, leave to divert a stream of water to work his own mill. His manor house stood on an area of one-third of an acre, protected by a narrow moat which still exists. This house he got licence to fortify, and afterwards to build a castle for the defence of the adjacent country and for resistance against the King's enemies.

The manor house stood at the foot of the north side of a spur of rock projecting eastward from the high ground about Battle. The minister's servant, Sandy, had been sent to clean the wine cellar. Soon afterwards the minister looked in and discovered Sandy draining the bottles of their dregs.

I am afraid it's no use, Sandy," said the minister. "They're all dead men."

"Ye're right, sir," replied Sandy, "but it's guid to ken that the meenister was wi them when they passed awa."

BODIAM POND.

Out of sight half a mile off near the top of the south slope of the rock, was Bodiam Pond. This, we suppose, he excavated, and on the site thus obtained he planted the walls of the castle. When they were built the strong springs of water were allowed to collect again, and thus formed the lake in which the castle stands.

The idea of a great castle with huge round corner towers, standing in a great lake of water and approached by a narrow causeway of masonry strictly guarded by barbicans, was no new idea of Dalyngridge. In his piratical harrying of the French coast, to which we must turn later, he must often have seen and studied the castle of Crottoy, on the estuary of the Somme. We have a 13th-century drawing of that castle rising sheer out of a great sheet of water, which might be a first sketch of what was built at Bodiam.

Dalyngridge fortified his manor house and began to build his Castle under grave fears of reprisals. As lately as 1877 the French had taken and burned the castle and town of Rye, at the mouth of the Rother, and their next visit might well take them up the Rother to Bodiam.

FRENCH RAID.

Our Edward had been a companion of Robert Knollys, Calverley, and Hawkhead, three variant English knights who for considerable periods lived in the north of France as a band of

D. C. Stephenson, former Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, is on trial for the murder of a woman shown above.

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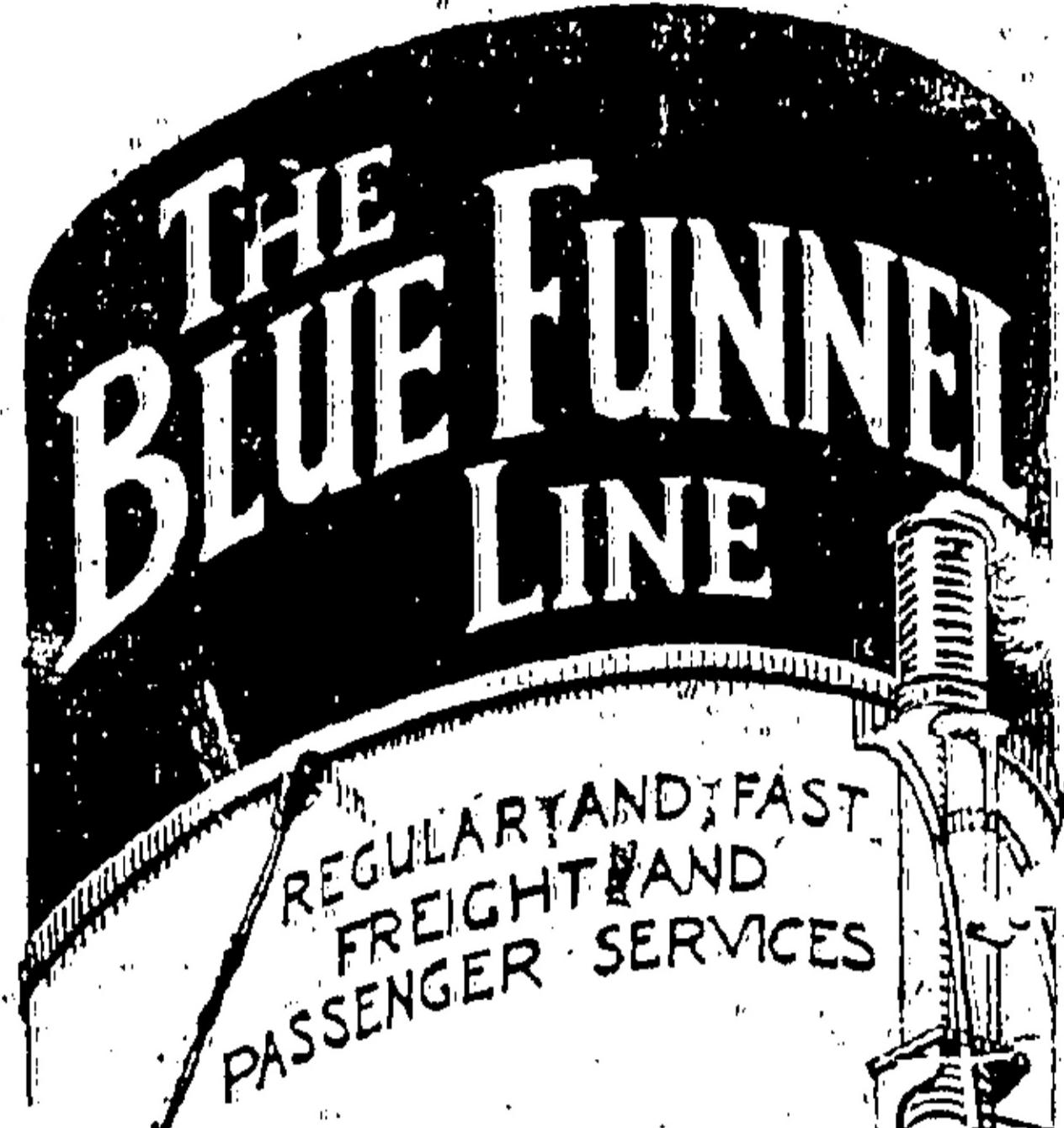
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Interport Radio Telegrams are subject to delay.

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INWARD MAIRS.

FROM FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25.

Shanghai Kashgar
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26. Kashgar
Shanghai Kashgar
U.S.A. Canada Japan and Shanghai Pres. Jefferson
Straits Sicilia
Straits Emil Kirdorf
EUROPE via sea (Letters & Papers, London, etc.) Keyser
Nov. and Parcels 10th Nov. Keyser
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28. Kashima Maru
Straits Kashima Maru
Manila Pres. Wilson
Manila Pres. Jefferson
MONDAY, JANUARY 1. Korea Maru
U.S.A. Honolulu Japan & Shanghai Pres. Hayes
Japan Afraria
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5. St. Albans
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Shanghai Banffing 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25. Banffing 5 p.m.
Hollow, Pakhoi & Haiphong Taiwa Maru 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Hollow & Haiphong Haiphong 8.30 a.m.
Manila Pres. Wilson 9 a.m.
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Christmas Carol Service

and

Organ Recital

NOTIFICATION

From December 28th, 1925, the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on the 1st and 2nd January, 1926.

Mr. W. M. SHAW,

Acting Commissioner of Chinese

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